

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected: claims 4-37. Claims 4-37 are pending for reexamination with claims 4, 14, 16, 29 and 35 as independent claims. Claims 4, 14, 16, 29, and 35 have been amended to clarify the features of the invention. The amendments made find support in the specification, and do not constitute new matter.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 4, 14, 16, 29, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2005/0065950 to Chaganti et al. (hereafter "Chaganti").

Applicants have amended Claim 4 to call for:

"receiving a request from a device having a service running thereon using ~~a service to service~~ a SOAP protocol to retrieve contacts data from a data store, the request including associated identity information;" (underlining added for emphasis).

Applicants have amended Claim 14 to call for:

"receiving a request from a device having a service running thereon using ~~a service to service~~ a SOAP protocol to retrieve contacts data from a data store, the request including associated identity information;" (underlining added for emphasis).

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Applicants have amended Claim 16 to call for:

“requesting contacts data stored in a data store from a service accessible via the network using ~~a service to service~~ a SOAP protocol, the request including the associated identity information;” (underlining added for emphasis).

Applicants have amended Claim 29 to call for:

“requesting contacts data stored in a data store from a service accessible via the network using ~~a service to service~~ a SOAP protocol, the request including the associated identity information;” (underlining added for emphasis).

Applicants have amended Claim 35 to call for:

“receiving a request using a SOAP protocol from a device having a service running thereon to manipulate contacts data in a logical contacts document that is stored in a data store, the request including associated identity information and in the form of a first content document having a defined identity-based schema for contacts data;” (underlining added for emphasis).

The applicants’ specification provides for:

“Services are accessed by means of SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) messages containing an XML payload. Service input and output is expressed as XML

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document outlines, and each of these document outlines conform to an XML schema document." (page 14, lines 4–7) (underlining added for emphasis).

Chaganti, on the other hand, provides for:

"Embedded in these web pages are components such as documents, scripts, objects, and flames (sic) that are configured to display colorful graphical images on a display device coupled to the user computer." (paragraph 22) (underlining added for emphasis).

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 4, 14, 16, 29, and 35 are not anticipated by Chaganti under 35 USC §102(e).

Claims 5–13 are dependent on Claim 4. As such, Claims 5–13 are believed allowable based upon Claim 4.

Claim 15 is dependent on Claim 14. As such, Claim 15 is believed allowable based upon Claim 14.

Claims 17–28 are dependent on Claim 16. As such, Claims 17–28 are believed allowable based upon Claim 16.

Claims 30–34 are dependent on Claim 29. As such, Claims 30–34 are believed allowable based upon Claim 29.

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Claims 36–37 are dependent on Claim 35. As such, Claims 36–37 are believed allowable based upon Claim 35.

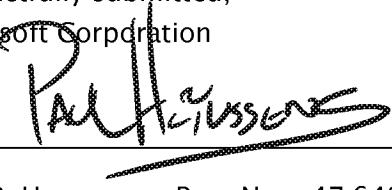
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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully requests that the pending claims be allowed, and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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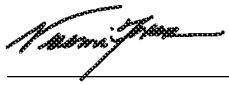
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